(c) whether any time limit has been laid down for the Panel in this regard to submit its report; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) In a Meeting held on 27-9-1993 for discussing various issues concerning industrial development of North Eastern Region and Sikkim in New Delhi, it was agreed that in consultation with the concerned Departments, a Working Group may be constituted for promoting industrialisation in the region. Steps are being taken in this regard.

65. [Transferred to 6th December, 1993]

Further Disinvestment in P.S.Us.

66. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is plan for further disinvestment in the Central Government Public Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details of the disinvestments already undergone and the quantum of disinvestment planned for the future;

(c) what are the reasons for the disinvestment;

(d) whether Government have ensured that the benefit of the disinvestment accrues to the public sector undertakings and not to the share brokers or middlemen; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (e) Industrial Policy Statement and Budget Speeches have already announced the purpose and policies of disinvesment of PSU shares. The Budget Speech of 1993-94 also has announced the Government intention to mobilise Rs. 3500 crores by way of disinvestment of PSU shares. Broadly these announcements indicate raising of non-inflationary resources and for wider participation of holdings. The budget allocations are made depending on the priority of the areas and public enterprises are allotted money from the consolidated Fund, which cater for their modernisation, expansion of for further setting up of new enterprises. Details of disinvestment made during 1991-92 and 1992-93 are given in the statement I and II.

Statement—I

List of PSEs whose shares have been Disinvested in 1991-92

Sl. No.	Name of the PSE	No. of shares sold (in lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Hindustan Petroleum Corpan. Ltd.	127.68
2	Indian Railway Construction Co. Ltd.	0.13
3	Minerals & Metals Trading Corpn	3.34
4	Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	100.00
5	Bharat Earthmovers Ltd.	60.00
6	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	120.00
7	State Trading Corpn.	23.98
8	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	489.52
9	Shipping Corpn. of India	522.46
10	Indian Petrochemicals Corpn. Ltd.	372.00

Sl. No.	Name of the PSE	No. of shares sold (in lakhs)
1	2	3
11	HMT Ltd.	42.68
12	Dredging Corpn.Ltd.	4.02
13	Bharat Electronics Ltd.	160.00
14	Cochin Refineries Ltd.	42.19
15	Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.	175.38
16	Andrew Yule	10.15
17	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	98.70
18	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	16.69
19	Madras Refineries Ltd.	193.16
20	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	1200.00
21	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	311.36
22	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	1990.75
23	Neyveli Lignite Corporation	717.91
24	National Aluminium Co. Ltd.	351.00
25	Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	807.46
26	Bongaigaon Refineries & Petrochemicals Ltd.	399.61
27	National Fertilizers Ltd.	111.63
28	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.	52.32
29	Hindustan Photofilms Mfg. Co. Ltd.	191.90
30	CMC Ltd.	25.28
		8721.25

Statement-II

List of Disinvested public sector undertakings—1992-93

Sl. No.	Name	No. of shares sold (in crores)	Amount of sale (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3	4
1	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	0.11	8.21
2	Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	0.50	331.18
3	Bongaigaon Refineries & Petro-chemicals Ltd.	1.08	45.40
4	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.	0.05	1.30
5	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	0.34	8.07
6	Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	0.64	331.85
7	Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	2.10	81.55
8	HMT Ltd.	0.42	23.39
9	Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.	0.17	15.63
10	National Aluminium Co. Ltd.	12.99	244.20
11	National Fertilizers Ltd.	0.03	0.72
12	National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	0.21	17.88

Sl. No.	Name	No. of shares sold (in crores)	Amount of sale (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3	4
13	Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.	3.26	70.43
14	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	1.02	30.36
15	State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	0.05	2.25
16	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	21.99	700.09
		44.94	1912.51

Considering HMT as a sick unit

67. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Machine Tools is being considered as a sick unit in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The net worth of HMT Limited as on March 31, 1993 was Rs. 246 crores.

Voluntary retirement scheme in HMT

68. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore-based public sector unit, HMT, had introduced a voluntary retirement scheme last year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reaction of the employees of the HMT thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In October, 1992, HMT introduced a Voluntary Retirement Scheme in the Company. The scheme is based on the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises and and covers HMT employees in all the units. 940 employees have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme till October 1993.

Industrially backward districts in the country

69. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the industrially backward districts in the country, State-wise and district-wise; and

(b) the progress made in respect of industrialisation of these districts during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A statement containing the list of the industrially backward districts is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) With the liberalisation of industrial policy, the initiative of industrialisation of an area has been left to the State Governments and private entrepreneurs. The Central Government supplement their efforts wherever possible.